

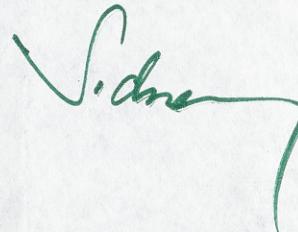
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Dear Steve:

Thanks for the check for the books, which I will turn over to Anthology, and thanks too, again, for all those acts of kindness that went so far beyond the call of duty and obligation and became acts of friendship. I enjoyed it all immensely and if I arrived back here in a state of semi-torpor it was, perhaps, as much ~~as~~^{through} dozing through a Clint Eastwood film on the plane as through anything else. Let me give you another profound thought to think about. Clint Eastwood is almost my favorite male performer. I think he has the most talented eyeballs in the business. I suppose this is a subjective view. I have long regarded wooden Indians as among our most important, America's most important, artifacts. Anyway, do come East and we'll put some conversation on tape and hear what it sounds like.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. D. Salinger".